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SUBJECT:FAREWELL LETTER FOR BUFFUM

TO BREMER ONLY FOR THE SECRETARY FROM BARBIAN

1. AMBASSADOR BUFFUM IS RETIRING FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE ON DECEMBER 18. HE WILL BECOME UNDER SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS AS OF JANUARY 1. THE BUREAU OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS WILL HOLD A FAREWELL PARTY FOR BUFFUM ON DECEMBER 18. THE SECRETARY MAY WISH TO SEND A FAREWELL NOTE ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINE TO BUFFUM.

2. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR BILL:

AS YOU LEAVE THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE I WANT TO EXPRESS MY DEEP APPRECIATION FOR YOUR DEDICATED SERVICE. YOU HAVE BEEN ONE OF MY MOST THOUGHTFUL AND CONSCIENTIOUS

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COLLEAGUES AND I HAVE RELIED HEAVILY ON YOUR SOUND ADVICE

AND GOOD JUDGMENT. I SINCERELY REGRET YOUR DEPARTURE.

YOUR SERVICE TO THE UNITED STATES DURING THE PAST 26 YEARS
HAS BEEN MARKED BY GREAT DISTINCTION, AND THERE IS NO
QUESTION THAT YOUR CAREER HAS MADE YOU EXCEPTIONALLY WELL

QUALIFIED FOR YOUR NEW POSITION AS UNDER SECRETARY
GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS. AS YOU ASSUME YOUR
NEW RESPONSIBILITIES, YOU CAN BE SURE WE WILL CONTINUE
TO CALL UPON YOUR EXPERTISE AND EXPERIENCE.

YOU SHOULD BE PROUD OF YOUR CAREER IN THE FOREIGN SERVICE
AND THE IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION YOU HAVE MADE TO THE
SUCCESS OF OUR FOREIGN POLICY. YOUR MANY FRIENDS IN
THE DEPARTMENT ARE SORRY TO SEE YOU LEAVE, BILL, AND
I WANT TO JOIN THEM IN WISHING YOU ALL GOOD LUCK AND
EVERY SUCCESS IN YOUR FUTURE ENDEAVORS. WARM REGARDS,
HENRY A. KISSINGER
END TEXT

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